

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my opposition to further loosening of restrictions on media consolidation.

Freedom of speech is one of the most critical rights of our democracy. Allowing media giants to own multiple media types (tv, radio, newspapers) within a single market, greatly decreases the possibility of a thriving and vibrant community. Instead we are faced with the homogenization of ideas and media content.

Also, further consolidation puts a damper on competition. Far from leveling the playing field, we are instead putting all the power in the hands of those already with the most assets. Competition (and dissenting voices) and thereby squelched.

I urge you to rethink any plans to further relax restrictions on media ownership. Let's think about the quality of our society, and not just about corporate profits.

I have already seen a very tangible decrease in the quality on local news and radio in my city (Seattle). I cannot emphasize enough the importance of not further loosening restrictions!

Sincerely,

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